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county	Мо	ontgomery							
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city, town	Me	Lean			state	VA	zip code	221	01
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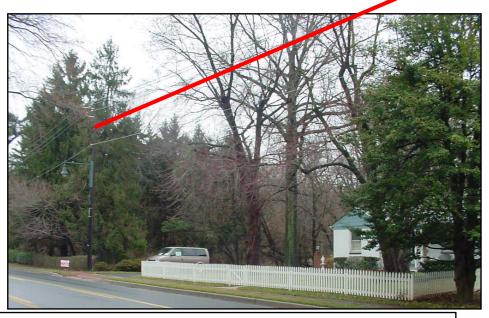
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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SUMMARY

The four-acre former Dr. Buckingham property at 522 West Montgomery Avenue faces north and is separated from the street and its adjacent properties by a buffer of mature spruce and other trees that hides the property from public view. The 500 block of West Montgomery Avenue is eclectic in age. To the east are the grounds and buildings of the former Woodlawn Hotel/ Chestnut Lodge, which is listed as part of the West Montgomery Avenue National Register District and is partly within the West Montgomery Avenue

Historic District.



Tree Buffer

West boundary of 522 West Montgomery Avenue seen from West Montgomery Avenue showing tree buffer and adjacent Roxboro house.

To the west is Roxboro, a development of 1 to 2-story houses on 6000 square foot lots and several late 19th Century properties that predate the subdivision. The houses across West Montgomery Avenue are detached 1 to 2-story single-family houses most of which date from the first half of the 20th Century. To the south, (rear) are two large residential lots that were originally part of this parcel and are accessed via a driveway at the east edge of the Buckingham parcel. The fouracre property is bounded by a buffer of mature spruce and other evergreen trees and includes a dry streambed and large specimen trees dotted on the lawn of the front. A small grove of trees is on the west side in the center of the property. An asphalt driveway



View looking south from W. Montgomery Avenue up driveway toward house, partly visible in distance.

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from West Montgomery Avenue accesses the house, veterinary hospital, and garage toward the rear of the lot. A portion of the house is visible from the street up the driveway. A sign at the entrance to the driveway identifies the property as "Thirty Oaks".

The original house was constructed about 1914 by Dr. Chauncey and Emelia Grubb as a residence and office for his veterinary practice. Dr. Grubb's practice focused on farm animals and horses. The house has had many additions through the years. The oldest portion appears to be a one-and-a-half story irregularly massed structure on the eastern end, which has 2/2 windows in the end, a front full-width shed-roofed dormer and a one bay rear dormer. The dormers, exposed rafter tails, and massing point to a popularized craftsman-style structure that would have been stylish and modern in 1914. Due to the many additions, there is no one distinctive style to the house.

Richard Buckingham, Jr. verified at the HDC meeting on June 18, 2002, that the east end-gabled 1-1/2 story house with a rear central dormer and a front full width dormer is the original house. He noted that the attic story rooms had very limited headroom, even with the expanded dormer. The rear porch on the east section was enclosed, a rear addition was added, a screened porch was put on the front, and an addition was built on the west end during his parents occupancy. The house has been stuccoed to unify the exterior. The majority of the newer windows are 6/1 but some 2/2 windows still exist in the east section. See attached photos taken in 1986.

East and back of the house is a two-story veterinary hospital with small animal cages on the east end that was built by Dr. Grubb in 1931, according to Richard Buckingham, Jr. The garage at the rear property line was present when his father obtained the property and it is undated and very deteriorated. It was used to store and shelter landscape equipment.

The environmental setting is what makes this property desirable. The property has a three-acre front lawn that includes a stand of mature trees and a streambed which drains overflow water from hard rains to a storm water inflow on Calvert Street. The atmosphere is of a country place far removed from City life and automobile traffic. Below is a composite view of the view of the house and setting. On the following pages are views of the house taken in 1986, which show the house facades and hospital.





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Page 7-2 Photos of house 1986

Top: Screened porch on west end of front façade.

Middle: Hospital, front or north façade.

Bottom: Hospital side view (west side)

All photos 1986.

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Photos taken June 2002. Top: House front and central rear bay. Middle: Hospital front and rear. Bottom: Hospital cages, garage on rear property line.

8. Signific	ance		Inventory No.			
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Construction da	ates 1914					
Evaluation for:						
	National Register	XN	Maryland Register	not evaluated		

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Significance

The Buckingham Property or "Thirty Oaks" was used for most of the 20^{th} Century as a home and verterinary office. During the 20^{th} Century, the practice changed with the decline of farming in Rockville from a farm animal practice to small animal or household pet practice. In the 19^{th} Century, it was owned by veterinarian Dr. Chauncy M.Grubb and his wife, Emilia A. Grubb. They built the original house on the property around 1914.

Thirty Oaks is part of a large farm on the Exchange and New Exchange property owned by Julius West in the 19th Century. In 1886, slightly more than 29 acres were sold to the local baker, John Mulfinger. Mulfinger sold parcels of land to several people, selling the last 18-1/2 acres in 1886. The existing four-acre parcel was carved out in 1890 and was used as a forested suburban residential property and veterinary practice for over 90 years.

History and Context

Exchange and New Exchange was one of many tracts patented by Arthur Nelson of Prince Georges County in stages from 1717 to 1735. His land holdings eventually totaled 3,162 acres. He named his tracts Valentine's Garden (his wife's name was Valentine), Valentine's Garden Enlarged (adding acreage in 1722), The Exchange, The New Exchange, then re-surveyed both tracts as "Exchange and New Exchange Enlarged" for 1,620 acres in 1721. He also owned "Bowling Green", and "Cuckold's Delight". Within 30 years, the first tiny buildings in what is now the center of Rockville were built on Valentine's Garden Enlarged and Exchange and New Exchange Enlarged. ¹

Nelson sold part of Exchange and New Exchange to Richard West. The West Family was among the first settlers of Montgomery County. Julius West was born in 1808, the son of Thomas West (b. Oct. 19,

¹ Eileen McGuckian, <u>Rockville</u>, <u>Portrait of a City</u>, 2001. Page x.

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1762) and Eleanor O'Neale (b.1768). Thomas and Eleanor were married in 1793 in Annapolis, MD and Julius was the last born of 8 children.² He married Sarah Kidwell in 1844. The Wests lived most of their life in a small farmhouse on their property. After his death in 1860 and that of Sarah 27 years later, most of his property was deeded to the Rockville Academy where he was educated. His will instructed the sale of his farms to constitute a perpetual fund for education. Academy trustees used the funds to construct and pay for the new Rockville Academy building at 103 South Adams Street and later to pay library staff when the Rockville Library was located at the Academy. Julius and Sarah West are remembered in the subdivision called "West End Park," which refers both to West family property and the western part of the original town of Rockville.

The executor of the Julius and Sarah West estate sold 29 acres, 1 rood, and 634 square perches of land to Richard W. Williams for \$1479.09 in 1873. In 1886, Williams and Thomas Anderson et.al, trustees, sold the 29 acres, 1 rood and 634 square perches to John Phillip Mulfinger for \$1618.80. John Phillip Mulfinger probably was the son of Christian Mulfinger and his wife Margaret. Christian Mulfinger and his family were listed in the 1860 Census in Rockville as a baker, age 43, with his wife Margaret, age 36, and three children, Fritz, Conrad and (John) Philip. Philip was 7 years old in 1860 so he is probably the same John Philip Mulfinger that was 7 weeks old when baptized on April 24, 1853 at the Bethesda Presbyterian Church. Another family lived with them at an unknown location: Bernard Quinn, age 28, a teacher, and his 20-year-old wife Rebecca and their son Henry, age one year. By 1886, Philip Mulfinger would have been about 32 years old.

Part of Mulfinger's 29+ acres was sold for the Woodlawn Hotel. It was part of an assemblage. In 1886, Charles G. Willson purchased a parcel of land from the estate of Rebecca Veirs ⁸ and in 1887 purchased another parcel from John P. Mulfinger and wife, ⁹ altogether 5 acres along West Montgomery Avenue, and commenced construction of a large, four-story brick "summer boarding house" in 1886. In 1889, Mulfinger and his wife and Henson Johnson and wife sold 18-1/2 acres to Henry Wells for \$3400. ¹⁰ The property changed hands four times from 1889 to the sale to Dr. Chauncey M. and Emelia A. Grubb in 1914. ¹¹ If the tax record construction date of 1912 is close, the Grubbs were the original homebuilder. No buildings are shown in this location on the 1891 map of West End Park Section 3 that shows building footprints along West Montgomery Avenue opposite the subdivision.

² Kean O'Neal (kon@hhs.net) O'Neal Genealogy, http"//awt.ancestsry.com

³ Biography of Julius West, Julius West Middle School web site.

⁴ Land Record EBP11/194.

⁵ Land Record JA3/1 on 7/27/1886

⁶ Records of the Bethesda Presbyterian Church in files at the Montgomery County Historical Society

⁷ Montgomery County Historical Society death and burial records. Margaret and Conrad Mulfinger died in 1896 and are buried at Rockville Cemetery with no marker. Christian died Mar 21, 1877 and is also buried at Rockville Cemetery with no marker.

⁸ Montgomery County Land Record J.A. 3/420 (12 Dec 1886) for one acre, three and a half square perches.

⁹ Montgomery County Land Record J.A. 4/364 (16 Feb 1887).

¹⁰ Land Record JA13/167 (January 18, 1889).

¹¹ Land Record 246/142 (7/11/1914).

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In 1938, the Grubbs sold 4 acres of the property to David E. Buckingham. ¹² Dr. David Buckingham was the first licensed veterinarian in the District of Columbia and lived in Cleveland Park. He functioned as the White House Veterinarian going back to Teddy Roosevelt. When the Roosevelt's dog "Meggie" acquired a habit of biting diplomats, she was brought to Dr. Buckingham's office in Cleveland Park to be destroyed. Mrs. Buckingham took a liking to the dog and it lived out its life nipping neighbors in Cleveland Park. 13

According to an article in the February 11, 1981 Washington Star newspaper, Richard Buckingham was the only one of Dr. David's sons to follow him into the business. Richard was a native Washingtonian who graduated from Western High School and received a degree in veterinary medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in 1938. He married Rose Williams of Rockville and the couple had three children: Richard G. Jr., Ellen B., and Jane B. He began his farm animal practice at Rockville on Dr. Grubb's property, which had been sold to his father in 1938. He was assisted by Herman Baker, who lived behind the Thirty Oaks property for 34 years. In 1949, his father and mother formally sold the property to Richard G. Sr. and Rose W. Buckingham. 14

Both Buckinghams were active in the Rotary Club and Christ Episcopal Church. Rose was educated at Stuart Hall, a private school in Staunton, Va. and graduated in 1933. She was a charter member of the Inner Wheel of the Rockville Rotary Club and also active in the Montgomery County Heart Association. Richard served as President of the Rotary Club and received the Paul Harris fellowship in 1980. Rose died on November 5, 1980 and Richard died March 14, 1992. In 2001, the estate of Richard G. Buckingham Sr. sold the property to Wycliffe L.C. / Elm Street Properties, which is developing the property for single-family houses.

¹² Land Record 707/36 (July 11, 1938).

¹³ Washington Star, Feb 11, 1981.

¹⁴ Land Record 1239/599 (1/25/1949). The 1942 mortgage to Dr. David Buckingham was for \$15,000. Richard paid \$10 and assumed the outstanding balance of \$10,500 in 1949.

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Dr. Richard Buckingham has been practicing veterinary medicine at his Rockville office since 1938, carrying on a family tradition

A Seasoned Vet, Wry Anecdotes Of Bygone Days

By John McKelway Washington Star Staff Wetter Fleathor Docement

Eleanor Roosevelt had a Scotch terrier named Meggie. "Meggie," said Dr. Richard Buckingham, "kept bitting diplomats. Mrs. Roosevelt told my father, Dr. David Buckingham, the dog had to be put away. "He brought the dog home to our house in Cleveland Park. My father, the first licensed veterinarian in the Dissiriet was the White House veterinarian.

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Buckingham, 66, is a veterinarian, the only son of four to follow his father into

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Pages 8-3 and 8-4 Washington Star Newspaper February 11, 1980

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ats a city block back from the conflow of traffic slowly destroying a riof small-town America,

e doctor's face is serious and per-beaten. But it breaks into a shy, st boyish, grin now and then, parirly when he speaks of the past.

m Rice, the old center fielder for enators, raised chickens on a farm ere," said the doctor. "He wanted me st the flock once for a disease. He 8,500 birds. It took me 41/2 days tht, dawn to dusk. I had to draw sample of blood from a wing vein. I eathers coming out of my ears and h. I've stayed away from chickens since."

t Buckingham has treated lion cubs, and pythons. Even wormed an os-

e Sam Rice story reminded him of er Johnson, Washington's Hall of pitcher who retired to a Montgomarm. Buckingham and Johnson were

'ell, at one time Walter had 34 fox ds," Buckingham said. "He suspectne had rabies. He wanted all the ds inoculated. I gave the shots to one for 14 straight days, and each Walter sat on a keg of nails and hed my every move and he never a word. Smoked those long Indian ciyou know, about a foot long."

e first Dr. Buckingham lived to be is animal hospital, established in the 1900s, was at 2115, 14th St. NW. It. d with his death in 1963.

ou know," said the son, "my father shot a horse running down 14th it. Had rabies. He was a good shot. He to come home and say he had had a day. I could see a baseball scorecard ing out of a pocket. He loved base-Griffith Stadium was not far away the office.

long time ago, I was worried about peration on a horse. My father said, ou don't make mistakes, you aren't g much.' Another time he warned

Do everything you can. The money to story telling. doesn't mean anything. In most cases, it is "I had just had my car." doesn't. You don't get paid."

The wave of new people and industry that swept over Montgomery in the 1960s seems to have left Buckingham in its

The dairy farms have all but vanished. He misses the farmers. And customers like farmer-columnist Drew Pearson.

. While mild in manner, there is a crusty side to Buckingham. He will only work alone although at times high school students assist him.

His wife, who handled bookkeeping, appointments and billing, died-early in November: And his right-hand man; Herman Baker, died after 34 years at his side.

"I had just had my car painted, a maroon color, I think, and I was inside talking to a farmer up around Boyds," he said. "We heard a noise and looked out. and this bull was going at the car, scraping the paint and even rocking it and we rushed out and chased him away.

The insurance company paid off.

"And they paid off the time I got hit by a car on Viers Mill road. I had just collected blood from three herds of cows and was carrying it in test tubes to be tested. On the front seat. It was the bloodiest accident the rescue squad had ever seen

"The other night, about midnight, lady called me about her goldfish "

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Rose Buckingham Dies; Rockville Resident

she was active in the Altar Guild.

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Richard G. Buckingham, Rockville Veterinarian, Dies

Richard G. Buckingham, 77, a longtime Rockville veterinarian and past president of the Rockville Rotary Club, died of pulmonary lung disease March 14 at his home in Rockville.

Dr. Buckingham practiced veterinary medicine from 1938 until December 1991. Over the years, his practice changed from one of specializing in the treatment of large farm animals to one treating suburban pets.

He was a 1980 recipient of Rotary's Paul Harris fellowship.

Dr. Buckingham was a native of Washington and graduate of Western High School. He received a degree in veterinary medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in 1938.

He was a member of the Phi Zeta honorary veterinarians' society and the Delta Tau Delta social fraternity.

His wife, Rose, died in 1980. Survivors include a son, Richard Jr., of Rockville; two daughters, Ellen Buckingham of Newton, Mass., and Jane Garofalo of Sacramento, Calif.; a brother, Donald, of Montecito, Calif.; and two grandsons.

> POST Mar. 16, 1992

BUCKINGHAM, RICHARD G. (D.V.M.)

On Satuday, March 14, 1992, of Rockville, MD; beloved husband of the late Rose W. Buckingham; father of Ellen Buckingham of Newton, MA, Jane B. Garofalo of Sacramento, CA and Richard G. Buckingham, Montecito, CA; grandfather of Christopher Lundell and David Lundell, Friends will be received at PUMPHREY'S COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME; 300 W. Montgomery Ave. (Rie 28 iust off 1-270), Rockville, MD, on Tuesday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Services will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, 107 S. Washington St., Rockville, MD, on Wednesday, March 18, at 9:30 a.m. Interment Rockville Cemetery. In fleu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Rockville Rolary Club, P.O. Box 4100, Rockville, MD 20850.

Richard G. Buckingham, 77, of Rockville, a veterinarian whose practice spanned more than 53 years, died of respiratory failure Saturday, March 14, at his home.

Dr. Buckingham was a native of Washington. His father, the late David E., established a veterinary practice in Washington in the early 1900s and was the first licensed vet-

erinarian in Washington.

Dr. Buckingham was a graduate of Western High School and attended Lafayette College briefly before transferring to the University of Pennsylvania, where he received his veterinarian degree in 1938. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity and Phi Zeta Honorary Veterinary Society.

His main interest at the beginning of his career was the treatment of large animals. As the suburbs expanded in the 1960s, his practice became more oriented to small

animals.

He was a past president of the Rockville Rotary Club and was named a Paul Harris Fellow in 1980 for his service and contributions

over the years.

Dr. Buckingham was the husband of the late Rose W., who died in 1980. Survivors include two daughters, Ellen of Newton, Mass., and Jane Garofalo of Sacramento, Calif.; a son, Richard Jr. of Rockville; a brother, Donald of Montecito, Calif.; and two grandsons, Christopher and David Lundell.

Friends may call from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today at Pumphrey's Colonial Funeral Home, 300 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville. Services are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. tomorrow at Christ Episcopal Church, 109 S. Washington St., Rockville, with burial in Rockville Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Rockville Rotary Club, P.O. Box 4100,

Rockville, Md. 20850.

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10. Geographical Data						
Acreage of surveyed property Acreage of historical setting Quadrangle name	4 acres 4 acres	Quadrangle scale:				

Verbal boundary description and justification

Exchange and New Exchange Map GR22, Parcel P278 front on West Montgomery Avenue

11. Form Prepared by

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organization	City of Rockville MD	date June 2002
street & number	111 Maryland Avenue	telephone 301-309-3207
city or town	Rockville	state MD 20850

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